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SUBJ: ENERGY: UAE MAY PROPOSE LIFTING EMBARGO ON ARAB OIL
EXPORTS TO US

1. HAD UNUSUAL FRIDAY MTG WITH UAE MIN PET OTAIBA PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FOR PAKISTAN WHERE HE PLANS JOIN SHAIKH ZAYID ON HUNTING
TRIP. IN COURSE OF OUR HOUR LONG DISCUSSION, OTHER MAIN
TOPICS OF WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY, OTAIBA COMMENTED
MOST FAVORABLY ON DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, WHICH ANNOUNCED
SEVERAL HOURS EARLIER. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO AGREEMENT, HE
SAID, WITHOUT TIRELESS AND BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE OF SEC KISSINGER.

2. HE INFORMED ME THAT, IF THIS INITIAL PEACE STEP ACCEPTABLE TO
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ARAB STATES, AND PROVIDED ISRAEL MOVES PROMPTLY TO IMPLEMENT ITS

PROVISIONS, HE CONSIDERING REQUESTING ZAYID TO APPROVE IMMEDIATE CONV-

ENING OF EXTRAORDINARY OAPEC SESSION IN KUWAIT TO RECOMMEND
LIFTING OF BOYCOTT AGAINST US. IMPLICATION WAS THAT UAE PROPOSAL
MIGHT ALSO INVOLVE REMOVAL OF MOST OF OTHER BLACKLISTED COUNTRIES.
OTAIBA SAID HE DOUBTS OAPEC MEMBERSHIP WOULD CONSENT AT
THIS TIME TO LIFTING OF ALL QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS WITHOUT
FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT, BUT IN HIS MIND US SHOULD NO
LONGER BE SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL PUNISHMENT. IF BLACKLISTING
REMOVED, US WOULD THEN BE TREATED WITH RESPECT TO FIFTEEN PERCENT
CUTBACK LIKE ANY OTHER COUNTRY NOT ENJOYING PREFERENTIAL STATUS.

3. COMMENT: OTAIBA HAS COMMENTED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST THAT HAVING
BEEN FIRST ARAB STATE TO ANNOUNCE EXPORT BOYCOTT AGAINST US, UAE SHOULD

BE PREPARED TAKE LEAD IN RECOMMENDING EMBARGO BE LIFTED IF THERE
EVIDENCE OF US GOOD WILL AND ALSO DEMONSTRABLE PROGRESS TOWARD

SETTLEMENT.

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